

RECOMMENDATION 111215-6

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FULL TEXT:

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Directive 1090.00 should be revised to clarify what special weapons the PPB has approved, when their use is authorized, and who can use them, and include at least the following:

A comprehensive list of all of the PPB’s approved special weapons should be provided in the Directive.

A comprehensive list of all of the PPB’s special weapons, whether approved or only being tested, should be published on its website.

Before resorting to the use of a special weapon, officers shall use all reasonable de-escalation techniques and tools which are available to them to avoid the use of such force.

All uses of special weapons must comply with Directive 1010.00, Use of Force.

Consistent with Directive 1010.00, Use of Force, an explanation of the facts and circumstances which must exist before the use of each special weapon is authorized should be clarified and spelled out.

Who can use special weapons should be clarified and spelled out.